(2) The encroachments on those canals and the *pozhichal* near the Manakkodathu bar should be removed. The *pozhichal* should always be protected from encroachments and no portion of it should be registered.

(3) Certain bunds put up by the people for their own selfish purposes should be removed.

(4) Those bunds should be replaced by sluices which should be so adjusted as to be of use for irrigation, the whole responsibility of regulating the water and working the sluices being entrusted to the D. P. W. The Cochin Government were doing a similar help in respect of lands lying within that State.

The Member also requested that bunds be put up at Penatichira and Pulluveli to prevent the entrance of salt water from the Cochin backwaters and sluices constructed, owing to ebb and flow of water. Four additional bunds with sluices should also be put up at Pallithodu or Changarathumuttu, Arasumuttu, Pandarathimuttu and Neendakarathodumuttu, to obstruct the flow of salt water from the sea through the Anthakarazhi bar.

A Board consisting of the Kottayam Dewan Peishkar, the Chief Engineer and the Director of Agriculture and Fisheries should be appointed to investigate the condition of *kari* lands and suggest such remedial measures as they might consider necessary.

A Model Farm for the cultivation of cocoanut palm should be opened and greater facilities afforded to improve trade. At present, people were vending their articles for about a mile on either side of the road from the landing place with great inconvenience and trouble. It would be a great boon if the lands on either side of the canal recently cut were disposed of in convenient blocks and converted into a market. The fish market also should be transferred from the present site to the new canal bank, as it was a source of annoyance to the people in various ways. Lastly, the Member requested that a cattle pound be established at Kuthiathodu for the benefit of the agriculturists.

Dewan's reply.—A sum of Rs. 1,190 has been sanctioned for putting up bunds at Pulluveli, Pandarathi, Arasuthodu, Penatichira and Changarathumuttu. All the suggestions will be carefully considered.

55. Agricultural needs of the Vaikom taluk.

Mr. K. N. Govinda Pillai (Member, T. I. C., Vaikom) submitted that, since the construction of the strong bund at the Valianapuzha river in 1064, the ryots of the taluk cultivating about one lakh of *paras* of paddy lands had often suffered failure of crops owing to the stagnation of water in their paddy lands. There was a canal to serve as an outlet for the water standing within the bunded portion but the *thodu* had become silted up and useless for the free flow of water. Recently, as a result of the complaints made by the people, some repairs were ordered to be carried out ; but the works executed were not satisfactory and gave no relief to the people. The Member, therefore, requested that the bund be cut open and sluices constructed to regulate the flow of water. The Kaniyan *thodu* should also be deepened and made serviceable and the encroachments in parts of the *thodu* removed.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. The Member should address the Dewan Peishkar in regard to the encroachments.

(2) Other Industries.

56. Organisation of an Economic Conference.

Mr. M. Krishna Pillai (Member, Eraniel Taluk) described the present economic condition of the State due to the war and submitted that the existing system of education was also increasing the number of the unemployed. The only panacea for all the ills the country was suffering from was that Government should start technical

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